KUHIO'S ELECTION OF GOVERNOR BILL MEETS OPPOSITION

merce Prepared To Fight Delegate's Measure

OTHER PROMINENT MEN OF THINK NEW YORK HAS THE CITY ALSO ANTAGONISTIC

Business Men of Honolulu Believe Destroyers Will Visit Many Ports gation which it has conducted during the last year.

To Show What Men Can In 1900 the disastrous Galveston III-Timed

George W. Smith, president of the chamber of commerce, is opposed to the bill now in congress to make the flee of governor elective instead of

appointive.

Mr. Smith when interviewed about the matter yesterday admitted that he did not know anything about the provi-sions of the bill and that he had not seen a copy of it. Others interviewed were equally in ignorance of the scope of the bill and equally opposed to the proposition to make the gubernatorial

'I really do not know anything out it," answered Mr. Smith. " read a few brief comments about the matter in the daily papers but have not seen a copy of the bill. On gen-eral principles, however, I am opposed to the project and think that at this time it is unwise to try to make any

change."

Officials of the chamber of commerce stated that they had not seen the ought to their attention and two

Secretary Brown said yesterday that chamber had not been able to take any action in the matter for the reason that the members did not know what it was about.

There have been two meetings,' he said, "when the matter was brought and and, when the matter was brought up, but nothing was done because we had not received a copy of the bill Personally I am opposed to any such action and believe that it is not wise. I shall try to obtain a copy of the bill and the matter probably will be discussed by the chamber at a regular meeting."

The bill in question, which is of such rtance to Hawaii and about which any of the prominent citizens of Ho-olulu are in ignorance, was introduced a congress on December 18 by Dele-ate Kuhio. According to the provihas of the bill the governor and sec-tary of the Territory "shall be elect-by the qualified electors of the Ter-tory of Hawaii, and that all the laws the Territory of Hawaii relating to nomination and election of a dele-s to the congress of the United ter shall be held to apply to the sination and election of a governor secretary of the Territory of Ha-

do Ambitious It was intimated by several persons were interviewed that the action then in Washington was for the pur-ble of making Kuhio the first elective overnor of the Territory. It also was selayed by a number of persons that my such action should not be made at the consent of the people of the Territory expressed through their presentatives in the legislature. Be-tre leaving for the mainland Delegate Kubio stated in an interview that it ald be wiser to have some action by legislature before the matter was The bill in full follows:

Be it enseted by the senate and se of representatives of the United States of America in congress as sambled, that the executive power of government of the Territory of rail shall be vested in a Governor ho shall be elected by the qualified stors of the Territory of Hawaii in manner hereinbefore set forth. He all hold office for four years from he first Monday in January succeed his election and nutil his successor ill be elected and qualified. He shall asess all of the qualifications now quired by law to be possessed by the ernor of the Territory of Hawaii all powers now by law vested in overnor of the Territory shall be

ed in the Governor thus chosen. **Sec. 2. That there shall be ctary of the Territory of Hawaii shall be elected by the qualified tors of the Territory of Hawaii in munuer hereinafter set forth, who bold his office for a period of years from the first Mouday in neary, best speceeding his election d until his successor shall be elected mlified. The secretary thus chos shall possess all of the qualifications w required by law to be possessed the secretary of the Territory, and all be vested with all powers now law vested in such secretary.

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TWENTY THOUSAND OF FULL STRENGTH

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President of Chamber of Com- Many Good Vessels Put On Reserve List To Provide Sailors For Bigger Ones

NOT DONE ITS SHARE

Expect

NORFOLK, Virginia, December 9. What's the matter with the United States mavy

An enlisted man in the navy these lave has an excellent chance of promoion. In fact, he stands a better chance for promotion than most of his fellow nen who follow vocations on land. He a really given an education and put in position for advancement at no cost himself But with all these advantages the

avy is short 20,000 men, and facing t till greater shortage when new ship low under construction are ready for

The question of securing sufficien rew complements for ships of the navy a serious one. So far the failure to lo so has resulted in several ships be og put on the reserve list, so that the en they had on board could be trans erred to newer and bigger ships in act ve service.

Less Than Half Complement

The battleship Louisiana went to se rom Norfolk recently with less than raif of her regular erew complement this ship has since been placed on the eserve list, along with the New Hamp hire, Vermont and several others. All of these ships are vessels of the high st class. There is no reason for tak ng them out of active service so far as ge is concerned. The New Hampshir nade an excellent record while she was service both at target practise and n speed and ship maneuvers. She wa onsidered among the best of the ship

The West and Middle West up to ear ago had been supplying the ma-ority of recruits for the navy, but the south and East have forged to the ront recently. It is from these portion if the country that the navy depart nent looks for the greatest number o ecruits to fill up the vacancies in the savy and build it up to its authorized trength.

Lieut. John Grady, United States section with recruiting for the navy as been scouring the towns and citie f North Carolina and other Southers States for young men who want to cas-heir lot on the fighting ships of the Inited States.

He says Norfolk has been doing fair y well in suplying recruits for the pas' everal weeks. The station here har icen adding from twenty to twenty lve men to the naval roster each week r cities its slize would do as wel he 20,000 | men needed to make the tavy what it should be would probably secured in a reasonable length of ime.

to Boost Naval Recruiting Here

Lieutenant Grady is going to Nev York to boost naval recruiting at that lace. Considering its size, the metrop lis is not doing as well as it should in upplying frecruits, according to naval fficers.

Recruiting stations are being opened n all the Atlantic coast States and ir he inland towns of Southern cities Raleigh has been made the headquar ers for the recruiting work in North 'arolina, while small offices have been pened in a number of towns through ut the State.

In order to induce young men to en ist in the navy the department has de ailed two torpedo hoat destroyers to ruise along the coast, stopping at any and all ports where the water is deep nough to permit the boats to enter to how the people of these places what

ife in the navy means. These boats carry large quantities of rinted matter, posters and booklets elling of life in the navy, the advanages a young man gains both in health and knowledge by going to sea on a

acancy shall be determined. In case of the death or resignation of the secretary, the Governor shall appoint and so far as administration is consome person to fill such vacancy until cerned does embody, the idea of greatfill vacancies in either the office of Governor or secretary shall be held in the ame mannet as is now provided by law for the filling of a vacancy of delegate to the congress of the United States.

"Sec. 5. That the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii shall have the right to alter or amend any part of the election laws of said Territory, which, under the provisions hereof, would govern the selection of a Gover-Sec. 3. That at the general election of a Governor to be held on the Tuesday next nor and secretary, and its action shall the first Monday in November, be the law with full binding force until altered, amended or repealed by

congress. "Sec. 6. That the governor and the secretary of the Territory of Hawaii, elected under the terms of this act he Territory of Hawaii relating to the elected under the terms of this act communities and election of a delegate shall receive as salaries, respectively the congress of the United States
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"Sec. 7. That the terms of the per nor, or his absence from the Terri-sons holding the office of governor and sey, the secretary shall exercise all the owers and perform all the duties of on that date, shall be held to cease and he Governor during such vacancy, dis-ibility, or absence until another Gov-ary next succeeding the first election where he elected or such disability or held under the terms hereof."

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT IN FIVE HUNDRED CITIES PROVES ITSELF A SUCCESS HILD PLANS FOR

forms of government in the search for while they are getting greater efficiency increased efficiency in the conduct of of administration they thus remain in public affairs, writes Edwin S. Patter. constant control of their government. editor of Equity, a Philadelphia publication. The trend of the experience of the cities now operating under these new forms is now presented for the first time in the current issue of Equity as the result of a nationwide investi

flood left that city prostrate, and the city government was unable to cope such a condition. The Governor appointed a commission and gave it ex tensive powers to meet the unusual situation. Thus was first demonstrated the remarkable efficiency of a small body with great powers, for the commission soon brought order out of So well pleased were the citi zens with this concentrated form of government that they had it made per manent, and the extraordinary efficien y of the government of Galveston son attracted the attention of the whole country and the plan began to spread

During that very period many of on cities were struggling to find adequate substitute for the existing system of government with its long ballot, cum persome two-chambered councils and the division of executive responsibility among numerous elective officials. This was the system which under the sway of national party bosses had brought on the era of gross inefficiency and car ruption. The practical common sense of American business men saw in the Galveston commission plan the very tool that was needed.

des Moines Example

This tool was seized upon by cities eeking efficiency, and after the city of Des Moines in 1907 combined with this concentration of authority that essen ial principle of democracy, namely, the ontrol of the government by the voters through the initiative, referendum and recall, the commission government spread rapidly to every part of the country. The underlying basis of this tupendous movement is thus expressed

Concentration of official authority and responsibility-for efficieney; diffusion among the voters of power to control the governmental agencies by means of the initiative, referendum and recallfor safety and democracy.

In thirty-four States there are now eneral statutes authorizing cities to dept new and improved forms of government, the commission form being specifically provided for in twenty-seven States. Most of these laws are defective in one respect or another, and the comparative analysis presented by Equity furnishes the basis for legislative action by the forty-one States a which legislatures are to meet in 1917 Setter Government Secured

A questionnaire was sent brondeast to municipal officials and others in all these cities, and also to various State officials and legislative reference bureaus calling for the facts of experience and also concerning the existing [State laws and constitutional provi sions under which the new forms are authorized.

Signed reports have been received by Equity from 449 municipalities furnishng a body of facts from all sections of the country. The facts are almost all in the direction of greater efficiency of administration as a result of the conentration of powers in small bodies of officials elected to represent the entire community, and each member of which responsible for a definite share or department of the government. The reports invariably testify to the mportant improvements obtained for the community, together with numerous

and striking economies. Toward One-Man Government

One of the most noticeable features lisclosed by our investigation is the rend toward the manager idea, over ninety municipalities having moved in this direction. But wherever the comnission-manager plan is adopted all the greater need is felt for the powers of lirect popular control. While it is true that the commission remains the policydetermining body and is held directly esponsible to the voters for the success or failure of a given administra-tion, still it is found in practise that a nothing to do with changes in policy, tion cruise in about ten days.

More than 550 musteipalities in the and that the commission which em nited States have already adopted the ploys the manager is itself subject to commission, commission manager, him jeef to the initiative and referendum ited council or variations of these new the people are able to understand that Recall Rarely Used

Now what are the facts concerning

the extent and character of the use t which the initiative, referendum and recall have been put in these municipalities? Up to this time it has been customary for timid people under the this subject with theoretical district and a priori reasoning. The people have been told by these backward-looking leaders that the initiative and eferendum would endanger representative government and some of them have been frightened by the bogie of "mob and minority rule. Others.

have been led to believe that the voter would be continually agitated and wearied by special elections and by the submission of technical details of govrament to the ignorant voters. Now what becomes of all this struc are of fine spun theory in the daylight

actual experience with this investi Equity brings to view? The net is that wherever these instruments have been used with great moderation.
In a large majority of cases the measures submitted to the voters have been decided at regular elections rather than special elections, thus minimizing he expense and trouble and not neces sarily increasing the number of elec-Nor has the use of the initia tive and referendum in a single in

stance endangered the representative character of the government in the mi nicipalities where they have been in of eration. It has conserved the repre entative principle by obtaining better representation from bodies responsive to public opinion. The voters have excreised these powers in orderly fashion and with great moderation, while the amendment of charters has almost in variably been initiated by the more in telligent and conservative elements of the community.

Indirect Benefits

Out of the 449 municipalities so faheard from, 396 of them have available to a greater or less extent the instru ments of popular control (the initia thoritative reports which have been re ceived from these municipalities show hat only 138 of them have made an use whatever of the initiative, referen dum and recall.

However, the inference must not b hastily drawn that the 252 municipali ties which have so far never used the initiative and referending or the recal have not been benefited by their existence. Reports from a large number of these cities definitely say that the com missioners or other officials have been more attentive to their duty and more careful in the exercise of their author ity, and have shown a keener sense of their responsibility to the people be cause of the knowledge that the voter could at any time ead their tenure of office or direct their course of action This is especially true of the recall, al though it has been used much less fre quently than either the initiative or the say that recall proceedings were begun but never completed, and that the course of the commissioners was so in finenced by this attempt at a recall that it was found unnecessary to pro

From a tabulation of the replies re ceived by Equity, it is foundd that virsmally all of the reports which say any thing about the advantage or disadvan tage of the initiative, referendum and recall agree that the effect of these instruments is excellent. Most of those which say nothing on this point are from cities which have not had occa sion as yet to use these instruments In no single instance does a report in dicate a disposition on the part of the voters to surrender their right thus di rectly to exercise their authority in case of necessity.

COLUMBINE IN

Coming in from a cruise as far as the Kona coast, the United States lighthouse tender Columbine arrived in port Saturday. The primary object of her cruise was the relighting of the Keahole Point light previously report ed extinguished. The relighting of the successful manager must come into light was announced Saturday after pretty close contact with the people of noon by the local inspector's office. community as an administrator. In The Keabole Point light is seven miles this way the manager seems to embody, from Kailus. During the cruise the and so far as administration is con-tender touched at Kawaihae, Mahukona, McGregor's Landing and Hawen, his successor be elected. Elections to er concentration of authority. But the latter near Kaanapali. The Column when it is seen that this authority has bine will probably leave on an inspec

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SPORTS

NEW ATHLETIC HALL

Board Of Trade and Supervisors Are Behind Basketball League To Build Central Gym

HILO, January 6-With the enthusiasm shown by the members of the the heavyweight championship of the Hilo Basketball League and the backing of the Board of Trade and the Board of Supervisors, which appear to found more confidence in his good right be assured, the proposed Hilo gymans, mitt. It was Ruby Robert ium and athletic ball has every pros-pect to be more than just a plan and dream of the boosters for this city.

mons, another visitor from Australia, who said: "The bigger the party the harder they fall." Les Darcy does not say this, but he thinks it.

At a meeting of the Basketball League last Friday evening in the ofte of the Wells Fargo Company, both ground plans for the new athletic rounds for the youngsters of Hilo, as well as plans for the building, which will hold a fine stage for theatricula, a basketball court eighty-seven and a half feet long by fifty feet wide, as well as full gymnasium paraphernalia, was shown by Dr. Y. E. Colville.

It was stated at the meeting that nearly every person approached in sonnection with the proposed building his ambition ran to taking a chance has been enthusiastic, and just as soon with the heavyweight champion. has been enthusiastic, and just as soon as Land Commissioner Rivenburgh has decided upon the lease to the league of the piece of ground fronting on Kamehameha Avenue, opposite the Volcano Stables, there will be no trouble in raising the money by subscription and by the Board of Trade to put up the building as a center for recognition and ouilding as a center for recreation

ithletics for the young people of Hilo.

It is now proposed to incorporate the Hilo Basketball League, so that it can legally hold property and lease ground and assume debts. Ex-Judge Parsons will act as the attorney for the league in this matter.

The new officers of the league elected Friday evening are: Dr. Y. E. Colville, president; R. T. Forrest, vice-president; J. B. Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer; E. N. Deyo and A. L. Mac-Kaye, directors. They were authorized o incorporate the league.

SENIOR BASKETBALL SEASON TO REOPEN

Senior basketballers will turn out gain at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night, he occasion being the opening of the second series schedule. This series was o have been started last Tuesday, but ind some of the players from three of the will undoubtedly be back and at the teams scheduled to play had been lisabled in the Reds-All Stars game at the open house entertainment New National Guard when that eleven met Year's night. There will be no more the Town Team on New Year's Day lelays in this series and it will be He took Midkiff's place at quarter

and the All Stars will line up against in last Saturday's add, champion guard in the Senior League, is out of the game having sufered two broken ribs in the National Guard-All Service football game last Saturday and will be out of all athletics for a couple of months. Roger Noyes, the Reds' fast forward, is out of town. However, the Reds are a strong team and have other good men a their lineup, and the Onhus will have to go some to beat them. This

is going to be a good game.
The Tigers and the All Stars will put up another dandy exhibition. The Tigers have Duggan and Harry Henry. fast men at forward and accurate goal shooters. Henry is one of the Association quintet that made a tour of mainland towns last season. The All Stars have a couple of men who are there speed and caging of baskets, and then Gaylord, at guard, is no slouch. Gaylord will probably be used to cover Henry in this game.

WAR TAX ON BOXING

Australia, according to information recently received, has levied a tax of seventeen cents on every dollar taken in at boxing shows.

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The 1917 bonspiel of the Northwest-Duluth, Minnesota, January 22 to 27. Canadian curlers are expected to participate in the James J. Hill Internation frances in the year 1915-16; they re trophy event. . . .

All tennis players should remember that the entries are now open at E. O. Hall and Son for the Class B tourns ment which starts Friday. Entries Wednesday evening at five 'clock.

With football pau, it seems that St Louis and the Braves could get together for that long talked of baseball game. Such a game between the two best junior teams in Hawaii would draw a great crowd.

Surf riding in the moonlight has found some followers. The surf rider coming in on the crest of a wave in the davlight is impressive, but to see a rider gracefully awaying on his board in the silvery moonlight, with the shadows playing over his body, and the wave churned into white, glistening foam at his feet, it indeed a rare and fascinating sight.

DARCY NOT AFRAID

Champion Regards Les As Too said: Small For Worthy Foe-Jess **Expected To Balk**

Les Darcy versus Jess Willard, for planned by Tex Rickard. Since his ar rival in New York Darcy seems to have mons, another visitor from Australia

At his top weight Darcy would be something like one hundred pounds lighter than Willard and about a foot shorter. But the Australian is con ineed that he will be able to emulate Fitzsimmons, who won both the middle weight and the heavyweight titles. 'tex Rickard first wants to see ex-

actly what Darey can do before he starts any overtures for Willard. Les Not Afraid Of Bulk

with the heavyweight champi-Yes, I hear that he is pretty big,

said Darcy. "but you know that I am ready to box anybody in the world." In Australia they call Darcy the mid dleweight champion of the world and the heavyweight champion of the An tipodes. He has fought a few big men, but none anywhere near the size of Willard.

Friends of Willard say that the heavyweight champion will object to the match with the Australian on the ground that Darcy is too small. Wi lard has declared that he would not fight Jack Dillon for the same reason But if Darcy should climinate all cor tenders for the heavyweight champion ship it is probable that Willard might withdraw the objections on the quer tion of size.

LADD'S INJURY NOT OF SERIOUS NATURE

Donald Ladd, who was injured durng the early part of the contest in the National Guard versus All-Army game at Schoffeld last Saturday, was brought to Honolulu yesterday by General John son, who said the young man was feel-ing fine. Ladd received a cracked rib was postponed due to this date com-ng right after New Year's celebration of the basketball games for the season.

shooped up and all games pushed hard. back, and his speed and play carned In Tuesday night's opener the Onhus for him a place in the backfield, which will meet the Reds in the first game he played until the time of his injury CANADIAN -- PACIFIC the Tigers. The Reds will go into the ing him pick his holes and dash into rame somewhat crippled. They will be them, it is easy to understand why he short two of their best players. Donn was chosen as quarterback on the All-

JAPANESE GOLFERS TO BUILD OWN COURSE IN NEW YORK CITY

Probably the most unique golf course in America will be built in the New York district. Japanese golfers of that city are considering the purchase of a tract of ground upon which to con struct a modern course. Japanese land scape gardeners will transform it into an Oriental atmosphere and clubhouse and everything will be of a Japanese design. It will be exclusively for Japanese, of whom there are probably 30 in New York expert in the game.

SHOW BIG LOSSES

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, January 6 - Increase in the cost of coal, track material and rolling stock have added so to operating epenses of French railroads that, notwithstanding a considerable in crease in receipts since 1914, they show a deficit of 715,000,000 france for the ern curling association will be held in two fiscal years following the outbreak of the war.

The principal lines spent two billion ceived 1,700,000,000. For the fiscal year 1916-17 the anticipated outlay is £,500,000,000. An increase of seven teen per cent in receipts is expected but this will still leave a deficit of 455,000,000 for the year. An idea of what coal prices mean to

the railroads is seen in the fact the Paris-Lyons and Mediterranean lines spent 56 000,000 francs for coal in 1913 and 170,000,000 francs in 1916.

before the war have gone up to 550 france. Railroad ties cost 122 per cent more; locomotives are fifty per cent higher and are going on towards one bundred per cent increase, while cars have gone up from 100 per cent to 300 per cent since 1913.

The deficit of the state railroads was 70,000,000 in 1914; it is estimated at 20d,000,000 for the current fiscal year M. Fibot, minister of finance, points out the necessity of increasing freight and passenger rates.

YATES TO RUN ONCE MORE FOR THE BOARD

HILO, January 6—Supervisor Julian L. Yates has gone on record, politically, as a candidate for reelection as a supervisor from West Hawaii, Speaking of the matter on Friday Mr. Yates

"All this talk about my running as a candidate for sheriff, or for executive officer, is all bosh. If I had ever proposed to run as a candidate for sheriff I would have come out long ago and let my friends know about it and so get into the fight in time before all the voters are pledged to someone else. All these stories is just political talk. "My mind has been made up for

some time to run as a Republican candidate for supervisor from West Hawnii for reelection. It has been said that I am down and out, politically, in Kona, but this will be shown when election comes around. As it is, I will stand upon my record as one member of this board of supervisors, which, I believe it is conceded has made a fine record. I know we have tried to do our duty right straight through."

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